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COMMENTS: I'm sincerely sorry to have to inform you that I discovered new references, at least two of which (attached hereto) meet the claimed invention. I discovered them after our telephone conversation on October 3, 2003, and was extremely upset about this. As I told you when we spoke on October 3, I felt that the claimed invention was very broad and that it was not allowable, but at that time I was unable to find prior art to support my position. I have spent a great deal of time on this application and was ready to allow it, but discovered some areas that I felt needed to be searched, and thus had to expand an already broad search. Unfortunately, the expanded search yielded references that are very pertinent. Again, I am extremely sorry about this discovery. Please contact me with any suggestions regarding ideas you may have to define the invention over the prior art.

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